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In re Application of:)
Alejandro H. ABDELNUR, *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 2161
Application No. 09/827,177) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: April 6, 2001)
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
OPERATING A CONFIGURABLE)
TRADE EXCHANGE)

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 15 and 16, please the delete paragraph starting on page 15, line 20 and running through page 16, line 3 in its entirety and replace with the following paragraph:

--It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the present invention without



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 is claimed for the application.
 Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	
TOTAL	18	MINUS	20	=
INDEP.	4	MINUS	4	=
			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
			x 9 =	\$
			x 42 =	\$
			TOTAL	\$
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE	\$
Reduction of ½ for filing by a Small Entity				\$
Total fee:				\$

Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of _____.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.

Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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